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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	Hartmut Boche
Application No. 09/625,792	Filing Date: July 26, 2000
Title of Application:	Medical Instrument With A Non-Contact Readable Data Carrier
Confirmation No. 8313	Art Unit: 3764
Examiner	Fenn C. Mathew

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed February 6, 2006. Please enter this Response in the above-referenced application. The Response is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Request for a one-month extension of time, along with the appropriate fees therefor. Applicant believes that no further fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any further fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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